



VILLAGE OF WESTON SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING SERVICES

TALKING POINTS MEMO

1) What does single-stream mean? What are the advantages?

- Single-stream recycling allows for all recyclables (plastic, glass, aluminum, tin, metal, mixed paper, and cardboard), that were previously separated into multiple 18-gallon containers, to be mixed together all in one 95-gallon rolling cart.
- Some of the big advantages to single-stream recycling are that it is easier for the customer; cleaner for the neighborhood; carts are easy to use; the carts hold a lot; this system is safer for workers; it promotes recycling; and communities love it.
- With more people recycling, not only do we save on landfill costs, but are then eligible for more dollars received through State grant funds, which help reduce costs to the Taxpayer.

2) How did this new single-stream service get started?

- On July 1, 2013, the Village Board of Trustees took action to adopt refuse and recycling service changes offered to all residential and commercial properties. This included the decision to switch from dual-stream recycling to single-stream recycling. These suggested changes came from the Refuse and Recycling Task Force Committee, created in early 2013, to review the Village's current service portfolio and service contract with Advanced Disposal Services.

3) Who receives this single-stream recycling service?

- All single-family up to four-unit residential dwellings (all on one tax parcel), are covered under the Village's solid waste contract with Advanced Disposal. All of these properties should have received single-stream recycling carts. The exception to this would be for those property owners of 3 & 4-unit apartments who have a supplemental contract in place with Advanced Disposal for dumpster service.

If you reside within one of the four mobile home parks, private residential developments, or apartment complexes, where more than four residential units exist on one tax parcel, the property owner of those mobile home parks or private developments/apartments hold a refuse and recycling contract of their own with a hauler of their choice.

4) Is recycling mandatory? Who regulates this?

- Wisconsin passed its recycling law in 1990, where it instituted a ban on recyclable materials from landfills, materials that should be reused, recycled, or composted. The WIDNR oversees the disposal bans and program requirements, and has shared responsibility with local units of government to enforce those provisions.

- Wisconsin Statutes 287.09 delegates responsibility for implementing municipal recycling programs to responsible units (RUs) for planning, operating, and funding a recycling program. Each RU (such as the Village of Weston) must develop and implement a recycling program to manage the banned materials generated within its region in compliance with the law and Wisconsin's solid waste management priorities.
- Each RU in Wisconsin is required to maintain an approved effective recycling program, as defined in s. 287.11, Wis. Stats., and NR 540 and 542, Wis. Adm. Code. Each RU is also required to report annually to the WIDNR on their recycling program, including the amount of materials collected for recycling.
- Part of a municipality having an approved effective recycling program includes having a recycling ordinance in place that:
 - a. Requires residents of single-family up to four-unit residences to separate recyclables for recycling;
 - b. Requires owners of multi-family housing and non-residential properties to provide adequate, separate containers for recyclables, notify and inform all their users and occupiers about the recycling program, and provide for the collection and recycling of the materials;
 - c. Prohibits the disposal of recyclables that have been separate for recycling; and
 - d. Contains provisions for enforcement that create the authority to verify compliance and assess penalties for non-compliance.
- RUs with an approved effective recycling program are then eligible for the Basic Recycling Grant to Responsible Units and the Recycling Consolidation Grant to use in administering and improving their programs.
- Under Wisconsin's comprehensive recycling law, every citizen in Wisconsin must have residential recycling service, and should be provided with recycling education and outreach.

Wisconsin Administrative rules require that municipalities with populations of 5,000 or more and an aggregate population density of at least 70 persons per square mile, provide curbside collection of newspaper, glass, aluminum and steel containers, #1 and #2 plastic containers, corrugated cardboard and magazines, at least once per month, from single-family and two- to four-unit residences.

5) How is the recycling grant used?

- The annual recycling grant is used to offset the costs associated with our effective recycling program. These costs include single-family up to four-unit residences (on one tax parcel) curbside refuse and recycling collection, Spring Bulk-Item Drop-Off program, spring and fall yard waste pick-up along with costs associated with maintaining Weston's yard waste site out on Ryan Street, and administrative fees associated with maintaining Weston's effective recycling program.
- The Village of Weston was awarded a 2014 recycling grant in the amount of \$78,664.08. The estimated 2014 recycling and yard waste costs for the Village of Weston was \$282,962.00.

6) What are my direct costs for the refuse and recycling service?

- All tax parcels consisting of a single-family home up to four-unit residences pay a special assessment fee on their property tax bill. For calendar year 2015, this fee is set at \$151.00 per residential unit. This fee pays for the service you are provided.

7) Are we paying more for our refuse and recycling service, now that we have two carts (refuse and recycling)?

- What you pay on your property tax bill is for the refuse and recycling curbside service. Advanced Disposal owns the carts, and we are basically renting the carts from them. This is why if your cart is broken, you would contact Advanced Disposal, and they would switch the broken cart out with a new cart – free of charge.

However, if your cart is stolen, you would be responsible to pay Advanced Disposal for a new cart. In the case of theft, you would want to work with Everest Metro Police Department, Advanced Disposal, and possibly your insurance company.

8) I do not have room for my recycling cart, and currently take all of my recyclables to the recycling center at Advance Disposal. Why do I have to keep this single-stream recycling cart?

- The recycling center at Advanced Disposal is set up on their property and available to Weston residents as part of their solid waste contract. If Weston were to contract with a different hauler, Advanced Disposal would no longer have this area of their property set up for recycling drop off and available to Weston residents. So this site should not be viewed as a permanent place to bring your recyclables.
- Now that we have switched to the single-stream recycling collection system, the only way recycling will get collected from your property, is by it being placed in your 95-gallon recycling cart. Advanced Disposal's recycling collection driver uses a truck equipped with the mechanical arm to empty the cart, so he/she cannot just hand-dump your recyclables into the truck, as he/she used to. This is the same with your refuse (or garbage) collection. Your garbage would not get collected in anything other than the cart that was delivered to you by our, then, contracted hauler. Your garbage cart is provided to you so that you can easily dispose of your garbage without having to take it anywhere.
- Per Wisconsin Administrative Code, NR544.04 (3), Municipalities are required to have a system in place which meets the provisions of s. NR 544.5 for collecting from single-family and two to four-unit residences the materials (recyclables) specified in s. 287.07 (3) and (4) of Wisconsin State Statutes. The carts provided to all single-family and two to four-unit residences is Weston's "system".

9) What is allowed within the single-stream recycling carts?

- Thought there is a lot of material out there that is “recyclable”, only the following household recyclable materials are allowed within the single-stream recycling cart:



Glass Bottles and Jars are allowed. Windows, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes, pyrex, and mason jars are not allowed.



Aluminum cans and clean foil are allowed. Rinse clean and flatten if possible. Food foil packaging and aluminum pots and pans are not allowed.



Tin cans: Food cans only. Rinse clean and flatten if possible. Labels may stay on. Aerosol cans, metal hangers, and metal pots and pans are not allowed.



Aseptic containers, such as cartons or boxes used for juice drinks, milk, ice cream, etc., are allowed. Rinse clean and flatten if possible.



Plastics: #1 - #7 bottles and food type containers. Please remove caps and lids if possible. Rinse clean and flatten if possible. Examples of these allowed items: food & beverage containers, cat litter containers, ice cream pails, 5-gallon pails, medicine pill containers, bakery containers, flower pots or trays, yogurt or cottage cheese containers, cups & tubs, clear & rigid clam shell packaging, and small plastic toys.



Mixed paper and cardboard allowed: Newspapers, magazines, cardboard, office paper, junk mail, computer paper, phone books, envelopes, colored paper, file folders, beer/soda carriers, and cereal boxes. Clean material only. Flatten cardboard boxes if possible.

Shredded Paper: Many people are shredding their paper in order to protect themselves from potential identity theft. Shredded paper is recyclable; however, if dumped loosely within their recycling cart, it may get blown out into the community when being transferred from the recycling cart into the recycling truck. The use of plastic bags to contain shredded paper within the recycling cart is discouraged, as plastic bags are not allowed to be placed in the recycling carts. Instead you may place your shredded paper in a paper bag and either staple or tape it closed and place within the recycling cart. Advanced Disposal encourages people to bring their shredded paper directly to their Recycling Center, at 5509 Fuller Street, and dispose of their shredded paper within the paper recycling dumpster.



Please only place the above-mentioned materials within your recycling cart. Disallowed materials (such as plastic jugs used for oil, food waste or recyclable materials still containing food waste, yard waste, etc.) will cause **contamination of recyclable materials** being processed at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF). Part of our awarded recycling grant is based on the amount of uncontaminated recyclables collected by our hauler.

10) What is NOT allowed within the single-stream recycling carts?

- Hazardous material, yard waste, and food waste; polystyrene (Styrofoam); motor oil containers; and plastic film, shrink wrap, plastic bags, furniture, electronics, appliances, and tires. Large plastic items #3 through #7 are considered recyclable, but need to be dropped off directly at Advanced Disposal's recycling center, located at 5509 Fuller Street. Some examples of these are: >15-gallon containers, 55-gallon drums, large plastic furniture (chairs/tables) large plastic toys (playhouses, slides, etc.).
- Plastic Bags are **not** allowed to be placed within your recycling cart. Plastic bags do not only blow around in the community, but also gets tangled up in the equipment used to manage recyclables. Please consider recycling the plastic bags by taking them to Weston Pick'n Save, Target, and Quality Foods IGA, who have the recycling bins set in the front of their stores specifically for collecting plastic bags. Also, consider donating them to places like Goodwill, the Humane Society, or to child daycare facilities.

11) With the fully automated recycling pick-up system, how do we dispose of Lead Acid Batteries and Used Motor Oil?

- If you have lead acid batteries or used motor oil to be disposed, please call Advanced Disposal at 715-359-6637. This is still a free pick-up service, however, arrangements need to be made with Advanced Disposal for the pick-up.

12) What are other available resources I can contact for recyclables that are not allowed in the single-stream recycling cart?

- Village of Weston, 5500 Schofield Avenue, Weston, 715-359-6114, <http://westonwi.gov/>
- Advanced Disposal Services, 5509 Fuller Street, Weston, 715-359-6637, <http://www.advanceddisposal.com/wi/village-of-weston/wausau-collection>
- Marathon County Solid Waste and Household Hazardous Waste, R18500 Highway 29, Ringle, 877-270-3989, <http://www.marathoncountysolidwaste.org/>
- Yaeger Auto Salvage, 8205 Camp Phillips Road, Weston, 715-359-3606, <http://www.yaegerauto.com/>
- Battery Mart, 3607 Schofield Avenue, Weston, 715-359-9019, <http://www.northernbattery.com/>
- Styrene Products, Inc., 5320 Fuller Street, Weston, 715-359-6600, <http://www.styreneproducts.com/>
- Goodwill, NCS, 2713 Schofield Avenue, Weston, 715-355-6086, <http://www.goodwillncw.org/>

Watch for our annual Village and Town of Weston Refuse and Recycling Guide. Visit our website to find this guide, or you may stop in the office to pick up a copy, or call the office to have a copy mailed to you.